

Beach House dedication at then Phelan Beach, August 1954.

Beach House at China Beach

On August 14, 1954, a new beach house was formally opened at China Beach, at the time called James D. Phelan State Park. The \$140,000 beach house, funded by a city recreation bond issue approved by voters in 1947, included a lobby, check room, office, first aid station, men's and women's locker and shower rooms, lifeguard room, refreshment stand and rooftop observation deck.